

## Groton Agricultural Advisory Board Meeting

January 28, 2019

People present: Dan Carey, Stephanie Hume, Sallee Ten Eyck, Jason Oliver, Art Berkey, Sophia Darling, Sheldon Clark, Marty Slade, Mary Oswald, Cathy Howard

- A. Call to order at 6:05pm
- B. Approval of November 26, 2018 minutes
- C. Treasurer's report
  - a. Sallee submitted the treasurer's register
  - b. There is a \$1466.88 balance
  - c. \$250 was sent to the Oswagotichie Kitchen project donation
- D. Teacher report by Jason Oliver
  - a. The Introduction to Agriculture class will be offered as a 40 minute class during the regular bell schedule
  - b. 4 STEAM agriculture classes will be offered over the course of the next two years
    - i. these include:
      1. Animal Science
      2. Food Systems
      3. Environmental Science
      4. Plant Science
      5. these will all be three period long courses
    - ii. will be cross registered with either TC3 or SUNY Morrisville
    - iii. need a B or better to get credit for the class
  - c. Jason provided the curriculum for each of the 4 new courses
  - d. Jason put links for the 4 course curriculums on the ag website
  - e. 25 raised beds for 25 groton families
    - i. this will become part of the student SAE projects
    - ii. students will begin raising the plants to begin
  - f. National FFA has AET- can print membership cards and use an app to track the student SAE projects
  - g. There are about 20 students in total coming to the FFA meetings and want to become members
    - i. the members are designing the hydroponics system; they are finalizing their plans this week and will then get the materials to begin constructing it
  - h. Professional development
    - i. Jason is going to the NYAAE conference
    - ii. the Groton CS is going to pay the \$520, plus Jason applied for a \$250 scholarship

iii. going to CASE professional development training at Oswegotichie from July 28-August 7

E. Tompkins County Farm Bureau

- a. will support 5 students at \$100 each to go to the Oswagotichie camp
- b. teacher needs to go to the farm bureau meeting and request the monies
- c. Art donated 4 extra tickets to the NYS Fairgrounds Farm Show for 2/21-23/2019

F. High Tunnel update

- a. waiting for the weather to break
- b. benches need to be built
- c. \$2500 from FFA for a growing agricultural education program
- d. will use that to continue with the high tunnel and plant growing materials as well as other teaching supplies
- e. looking for some acreage for students to grow pumpkins for students to raise pumpkins

G. Adjourn:

- a. Next meeting scheduled for at Monday, March 25, 2019 at 6:00pm (Groton Jr/Sr High School-Room 302)